

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire March 31, 2004. In the present Amendment, Claim 1 is amended and Claims 2-15 are added. Claims 1-15 are now pending.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

In paragraph 2 of the present Office Action, Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *Sun* (U.S. Patent No. 6,643,721). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and request favorable reconsideration of all pending claims.

Sun teaches a method for permitting different input devices to be used in a computer (*Sun*, abstract). The input devices may use the same or different graphical user interfaces (GUIs) (*Sun*, col. 7, lines 41-44). The multiple input devices use common drivers ("logical devices"). Examples of these common drivers include a command logical device (*Sun*, col. 6, lines 6-17) and a valuator logical device (*Sun*, col. 6, lines 18-29). While *Sun* does not define which logical devices address "double-click" commands, the Examiner has cited logical devices 58 as teaching this type of command.

Referring to exemplary claim 6, *Sun* does not teach or suggest "setting up each input device" "such that each input device has a double-click interval time that is independent of double-click recognition times of other input devices." That is, *Sun* does not teach or suggest a first input device, such as a touch panel, having a different interval time between click defining a double-click event, thus allowing a user more time to double-click an input device such as a touch panel than is needed to double click a mouse button (see e.g., claim 7).

With reference to exemplary claim 8, *Sun* does not teach or suggest where "a double-click event is performed on a touch panel," "the double-click event is recognized at double-click recognition times that are different if the touch panel is double-clicked with a stylus pen or a finger, wherein the finger is recognized by having a larger contact area with the touch panel than the stylus pen." Thus, the cited prior art does not teach or suggest allowing more time between clicks in a double click on a touch panel when using one's finger as compared to using a stylus pen.

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CONCLUSION

As the prior art cited does not teach or suggest all of the features of the presently claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 50-0563**.

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